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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE A
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This Response A is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 25, 2005.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Species II, the embodiment of the fingertip electrosurgical medical device shown in Figure 2. Applicants respectfully

Response A—Restriction

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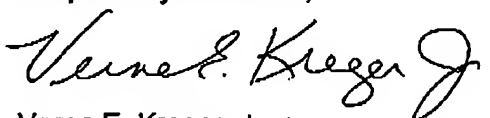
submit that claims 1-12 and 25-28 are readable upon Figure 2. This election is made without traverse.

This Response A is being filed within one month after the shortened statutory period for response that ended on August 25, 2005. Accordingly, a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time is attached hereto.

Should any minor points remain prior to issuance of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Account No. 10-0750/END-780NP/VEK.

Respectfully submitted,



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